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**July 11, 2003**

Mr. William Maher  
Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Request for Extension of Comment Period, WC Docket No. 03-157**

Dear Bill:

Attached please find a Request for Extension of Comment Period in connection with Verizon's recently filed Petition for Expedited Forbearance. This request, is being submitted in support of a request submitted by AT&T Corp., Birch Telecom, Broadview Networks, Inc., Covad Communications Company, MCI, Sage Telecom, Inc., Talk America, Z-Tel Communications, Inc., CompTel and the PACE Coalition is being filed today in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Thank you for your consideration of this Request.

Sincerely,

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NARUC General Counsel

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